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Attorney General Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write you in support of the recent settlement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. After three long years of court battles and round-the-clock negotiations, a fair and reasonable settlement was reached, and then we find out that there are some who feel it needs further examination. What about spending our dollars and time on examining our current economic status or our nation's security? These might be more pressing issues at the moment.

This settlement was not only well thought out, but was formulated with all parties in mind. Not only did Microsoft give up a great deal to allow the competitive market to flourish, but also they agreed to allow these companies to sue them if, in fact, they weren't complying. The settlement addresses everything from pricing agreements to code disclosure, and this should be considered a real coup for competitors. Microsoft has bowed down to dozens of demands, and now we need to let the technology industry get back to business.

The American economy could use some boosting at the moment, and holding up the IT sector and their competitive growth can only harm things. I urge you to support this settlement by helping to see that it no longer gets challenged from those in the federal government who would compromise it. Thank you for your time and effort on this issue.

Sincerely,

Henry Absher

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